

Coyotes on Duxbury Beach Need Space, Harbormaster Says

Harbormaster Don Beers remembers the exact times of the year two adult coyotes arrived on Duxbury Beach.

One came walking over the bridge one early morning last year from Powder Point and the other came by way of Gurnet Road, most likely from the Audubon

property in Marshfield," he said.

Now the pair lives on Duxbury Beach near High Pines in several dens and recently the female gave birth to five pups.

"I would guess they're about 10 weeks old. We see the adults out getting food for the pups.

This is their habitat too and it's important we co-exist," he said.

Beers said that there are several important things beachgoers need to know.

"The big thing is that people need to understand these are wild animals. Wild animals with young protect them so you don't go near them. Do not feed

them," he said. "We try to co-exist. We're trying to strike a deal where we balance the use of the beach and at the same time protect coyotes and other wildlife that call the beach home."

Beers said the coyotes have been spotted on a regular basis, mostly at night looking for

food even as far as the east end of the beach.

"People should make it a point not to leave garbage on the beach," he said.

The Harbormaster said his department will provide signage to reinforce the coyote warnings.



This male coyote spotted on Duxbury Beach was spotted looking for food for five young pups. Harbormaster Don Beers urges beachgoers not to go near the coyotes or attempt to feed them. (Photo by Shawn Carey Migration Productions)